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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON OVERDUE WTDR REQUESTS

REF: USDOC 3577

1. TIMBER INDUSTRIES (CAMEROON) LTD. INTERIM REPLY SENT AUG. 20,
1974 AS DLA 229 AND REPEATED OCT 26, 1974 AS DLA 293. FOLLOW UP
SENT MARCH 10, 1975 AS DLA 084. HERE FOLLOW DUPLICATES: DLA 229/293:

""1. TIMBER INDUSTRIES (CAMEROON) LTD., P.O.B. 6, TIKO.
OFFICER: MR. DEAVILLE, DIRECTOR. TEL. 12 MUYUKA.
TELEX: DEVCAM, VICTORIA, N0. 5242.

2. CAPITAL: 55 MILLION CFA. OPERATES IN CAMEROON PLUS

EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

3. FINANCIAL REFERENCES NOT YET AVAILABLE.

4. BRITISH OWNED FIRM WITH AT LEAST ONE CAMEROONIAN ON BOARD
OF DIRECTORS. SHIPPERS OF WEST AFRICAN HARDWOOD LOGS
AND LUMBER. FULL WTDR FOLLOWS ASAP.

5. AUGUST 1974. MITHOEFER""

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DLA 084

""INTERIM REPLY SENT AUG. 20 1974 AS DLA 229 AND REPEATED OCTOBER 26, 1974 AS DOUALA 293. BANK REFERENCE NOW AVAILABLE INDICATE COMPANY IS RELIABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY FOR BUSINESS COMMITMENTS. WE RECOMMEND FIRM FOR BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH U.S. COMPANIES. MARCH 1975. MITHOEFER".

2. WATERLOO TRADING, REF. USDOC 01587. REPLY SENT MARCH 10 AS DLA 083. DUPLICATE FOLLOWS:

- ""1. WATERLOO TRADING CO., P.O. BOX 116 BAMENDA. OFFICER: B.O. ONYEBUAGU, DIRECTOR. CABLE: WATERLOO, BAMENDA.
2. FOUNDED 1969. CAPITAL BASE: 5,000,000 FCFA. EMPLOYS 8, 4 SALESMEN. SALES AREA: BAMENDA, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.
3. FINANCIAL REFS: BICIC BAMENDA AND VICTORIA. BIAO DOUALA.
4. COMMERCIAL REFS: NONE.
5. FIRM IS SOLE PARTNERSHIP IN THE NAME OF BENEDICT OKONKWO ONEBUAGU. NIGERIAN NATIONAL DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND SIGNIFICANT IMPORTER/RETAILER. SMALL FIRM, BUT IMPORTANT OUTLET FOR N.W. PROVINCE. CONSIDERED GOOD FOR NORMAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS WITH U.S. COMPANIES.
6. MARCH 1975. MITHOEFER"".

3. NOT LE PLASTIQUE BUT PLASTICAM (USDOC 3578, PARAG. 3) REPLY SENT JAN 22 AS DLA 040 PARAG B. DUPLICATE FOLLOWS:

""1. SOCIETE PLASTICAM B.P. 4071 DOUALA (USDOC 16445 AND 3578)

OFFICER: MICHEL JOBIN, DIRECTOR. TELEX 5287, CABLE: PLASCAM. TEL. 42-56-57.

2. LARGE FIRM. EMPLOYS 300. CAPITAL BASE: 195 MILLION FCFA. SALES AREA: UDEAC COUNTRIES.

3. FINANCIAL REFS: BIAO, B.P. 4001 (BANQUE INTERNATIONALE DE UNCLASSIFIED

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L AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE), SCB, B.P. 4013 (SOCIETE CAMEROU-NAISE DE BANQUE), BICIC, B.P. 4070 (BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE DU CAMEROUN), SGBC, B.P. 4042 (SOCIETE GENERALE DE BANQUE AU CAMEROUN) ALL LOCATED IN DOUALA.

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4. COMMERCIAL REFS: FIRM'S CAPITAL SHARED BY FOLLOWING
PARTNERS:

- LA CHARFA 39&
- ONDULYS 38&
- ROLAND GUIOL 19&
- COOPMUT 4&

NO U.S. COMMERCIAL REPS.

5. PLASTICAM IS LARGEST CAMEROONIAN FIRM IN PLASTIC
PACKAGING INDUSTRY WITH BROAD ALLIED MARKET IN KRAFT
PAPER/CARBON PRODUCTS. BANK ASSESSMENT INDICATES FIRM
ON SOUND FOOTING WITH COMPETENT MANAGEMENT AND EXPANDING
BUSINESS. ON BASIS SIZE AND GENERAL REPUTATION FIRM
RECOMMENDED FOR CONTACT WITH U.S. COMPANIES.

6. JAN 75. MITHOEFER.

4. ETS CHINEDU UMEKWE (USDOC 0068)4

1. ETS CHINEDU UMEKWE, P.B. 256 DOUALA, OFFICER: ORJI KALU
UMEKWE, DIRECTOR. NO CABLE, TLEX, TELEPHONE.

2. (FOUNDED 1970. CAPITAL BSE: 10,000,000 FCFA. ANNUAL SALES
VOLUME: 30,000,000 FCFA. EMPLOYS 8. 10 SALESMEN. SALES
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AREA: OWN COUNTRY AND NIGERIA.

3. BANK REFS: SGBC, NEW BELL-DOUALA.

4. COMMERCIAL REFS: NONE.

5. COMPANY IS MADE UP OF THREE SMALL BRANCHES IN THE DOUALA AREA, WITH BETTER CREDIT REFERENCES THAN MOST OF SUCH SMALL COMPANIES. DIRECTOR IS DYNAMIC WITH SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS EXPERIENCE, WHO IS VERY ACTIVE IN EXPANDING HIS ACTIVITIES. DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE WITH SOME SPECIALIZATION IN TEXTILE AND LEATHERETTE PRODUCTS. SUITABLE FOR NORMAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH U.S. FIRMS.

6. MARCH 1975.

1. FAKO TRADING CO., P.O. BOX 71, VICTORIA. OFFICER: VICTOR MAKIE, MANAGING DIRECTOR. CABLE: FATRACO BAMENDA, TEL: 32-42-51. NO CABLE.

2. FOUNDED 1965. CAPITAL BASE: 5,000,000 FCFA. EMPLOYS 15. SALESMEN: 2. SALES AREA: OWN COUNTRY AND DAHOMEY.

3. FINANCIAL REFS: CAMEROON BANK, VICTORIA.

4. COMMERCIAL REFS: EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES FOR DRAGON GATE TRADING CO. LTD., YUNGHO, TAIPEI. TAIWAN. NO U.S. REFS.

5. ON BASIS INFORMATION COLLECTED, SMALL FIRM DEALING IN IMPORTING/EXPORTING GENERAL MERCHANDISE SUCH AS SEWING MACHINES, REFRIGERATORS, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS, BUILDING MATERIALS, STATIONARY TEXTILES AND RADIOS, MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVERTISING AGENTS. BANKER SAYS FIRM UNKNOWN TO THEM. U.S. FIRMS SHOULD EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH FIRM.

6. MARCH 1975.

6. METROPOL ENTERPRISES (USDOC 3578, PARAG 4.) DUP SENT JAN 22 AS DLA 040 PARAG. C REQUEST NOT RECEIVED COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICE. FYI, HOWEVER, FIRM NO LONGER EXISTS, AS 50 MILLION FRANCS SUIT FILED AGAINST MANAGING DIRECTOR OF METROPOL ENTERPRISES FOR MISUSE OF FUNDS OF ANOTHER COMPANY. BUEAH HIGH COURT HAS ORDERED METROPOL AND BLOCKING ITS ACCOUNTS. AWARDED

DAMAGE TO PLAINTIFF. POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST ANY DEALINGS BETWEEN SUBJECT FIRM AND U.S. COMPANIES. MITHOEFEER.

7. ETS DECENCY CONTINENTALE AGENCIES (USDOC 10042). REPLY SENT OCT 26, 1974, UNCLAS DLA 293, PARAG. 5, AS FOLLOWS:

BANK REFS. INCONCLUSIVE. CONSULATE TRYING FURTHER INQUIRIES. ALL WE KNOW TO DATE IS THAT FIRM IS NEW AND CAUTION IS STRONGLY ADVISED FOR INITIAL CONTACTS.

ADDITIONAL QUERIES REVEAL FIRM FOUNDED 1971, WITH SIX EMPLOYEES AND TWELVE SALESMEN. CLAIMS CAPITAL BASE OF 3,000,000 FCFA, ANNUAL SALES VOLUME 10,000,000 FCFA. TO DATE BANKS REFS: NEGATIVE. SAY FIRM IS UNKNOWN TO THEM. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PRUDENCE IN ALL DEALINGS WITH ABOVE FIRM.

8. SOCIETE D EXPLOITATIONS FORESTIERES ET INDUSTRIELLES DU CAMEROUN (USDOC 3578, PARAG. 1.) REPLY SENT AND COMPLETED UNDER REF. DLA 327, PARAG. C AS FOLLOWS:

SOCIETE D EXPLOITATION FORESTIERES ET INDUSTRIELLES DU CAMEROUN SEFIC (REFTEL E.) FINANCIAL REFS. BICIC AND BIAO. BANKERS CONFIRM INTERI REPLY, WITH CAPITAL NOW AMOUNTING TO 150,275,000 FCFA. TURNOVER WAS FCA 910,000,000 AS OF 30 JUNE 1973. ONE OF CAMEROON'S LEADING WOOD INDUSTRY COMPANIES WITH COMPETENT MANAGEMENT AND RELIABLE BUSINESS POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FIRM FOR BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH 7U.S. COMPANIES.

9. ETS MALAM IBRAHIM ADAMOU (USDOC 3578. PARAG. 2)
HERE FOLLOWS DUPLICATE RPORT SUBMITTED JAN 9 AS DOUALA 018:

1. FOLLOWING INTERIM REPLY REF. UNCLAS DLA 160 JUNE 1974, FINANCIAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE. BANKER SAYS FINANCIAL STANDING UNKNOWN, FINANCIAL POSSIBILITIES VERY TIGHT, SOME DEFAULTS IN PAYING.

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CAUTION RECOMMENDED.

2. JANUARY 75. MITHOEFER.
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